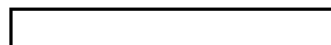


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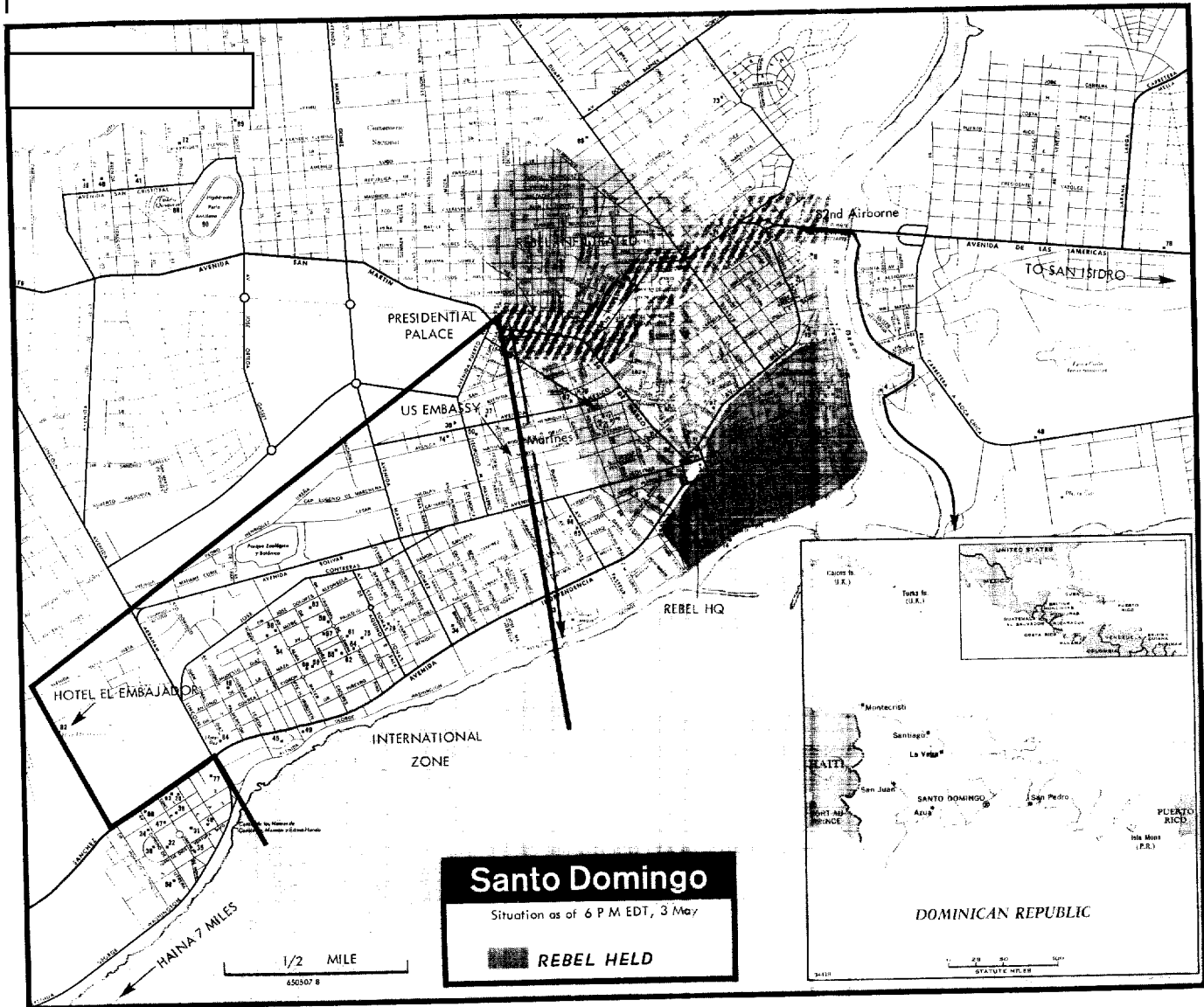
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*Dominican Republic: (Information as of 4:30 AM EDT) There has been little change in the military situation in Santo Domingo, and rebel forces remain in control of a large area of the city.

Sporadic sniper fire continues to harass US military forces. Confirmed US casualties now total seven dead and 43 wounded. The corridor between the US Embassy and San Isidro Air Base has been secured and supplies are moving freely along the route.

The interior continues to remain relatively calm and is under the control of loyalist military and police units. However, US officials warn that a growing food shortage could lead to outbreaks of violence.

Loyalist morale appears to be improving, and regular army units that had been fighting on the rebel side are reported to be breaking up and drifting out of the downtown area. Loyalist leaders claim that more than 500 of these troops have defected to their side.

There are also reports that some elements among the Communists and allied groups are beginning to hide their weapons and are preparing to abandon the fight until a more propitious time. Along these lines, there are even indications that some of the top rebel leaders are dispirited and searching about for a means of leaving the movement if their safety could be guaranteed.

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[redacted] a strong campaign appeared to be developing within the rebel camp for Colonel Francisco Caamano, military leader of the Bosch forces, to be named

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interim "constitutional president." Bosch later announced, according to the press, that Caamano had in fact been "elected" to the post yesterday during a "special meeting" of "legislative assembly" members.

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Yesterday representatives of the Organization of American States (OAS) adjourned without voting on the US proposal that an inter-American military force be sent to the Dominican Republic to restore peace. At this morning's OAS meeting Venezuela is expected to introduce a resolution that would include US military contingents as a part of the inter-American force. There have been indications that several Latin American governments, including those of Brazil, Costa Rica, El Salvador, and Panama, may support the US proposal. More support may be forthcoming by the time the resolution comes up for a vote, which probably will not occur until tomorrow.

In the UN Security Council session yesterday, the Soviet and Cuban delegates predictably denounced the US for its actions in the Dominican Republic. Preliminary indications are that four council members--Bolivia, China, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom--will support the formula referring the Dominican case back to the OAS.

[Uruguay's position remains uncertain, but there appears to be a strong possibility that Uruguay will not take the traditional Latin American view that disputes under consideration by the OAS should not be taken up by the UN. France's position is unknown, but the US mission at the UN suspects that the French would like to take some action in the Security Council before the OAS acts]

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*Vietnam: (Information as of 4:30 AM EDT)

Military Activity in North Vietnam: Five USN armed route reconnaissance missions were flown on 3 May. The missions were hampered by poor weather. A total of three trucks and a trailer were attacked and apparently damaged. Nine camouflaged freight cars attacked on sidings by one mission were damaged. All aircraft returned safely.

[redacted] indicates that North Vietnam is readying several airfields for use as recovery or dispersal bases. Construction of revetments continues at Phuc Yen, Haiphong/Cat Bi and Vinh airfields. Construction and improvement of revetments is also under way at Kep, a small airfield 40 miles northeast of Hanoi. Construction continues at Phuc Yen on a taxiway to connect the new revetment area to the main base. A new taxiway has also been constructed at Kep.]

[redacted] Vinh nor Kep are considered capable of sustained jet fighter operations. The construction at these fields may thus be intended to provide additional dispersal facilities or recovery bases to extend the combat time of fighter missions.]

Political Developments: Peiping on 2 May again supported conditions set by the Cambodian government for an international conference on Cambodia. An official Chinese government statement asserted that the conference must address itself to Cambodian issues only and that South Vietnam must be represented at the conference by the Liberation Front and not by the South Vietnamese Government.

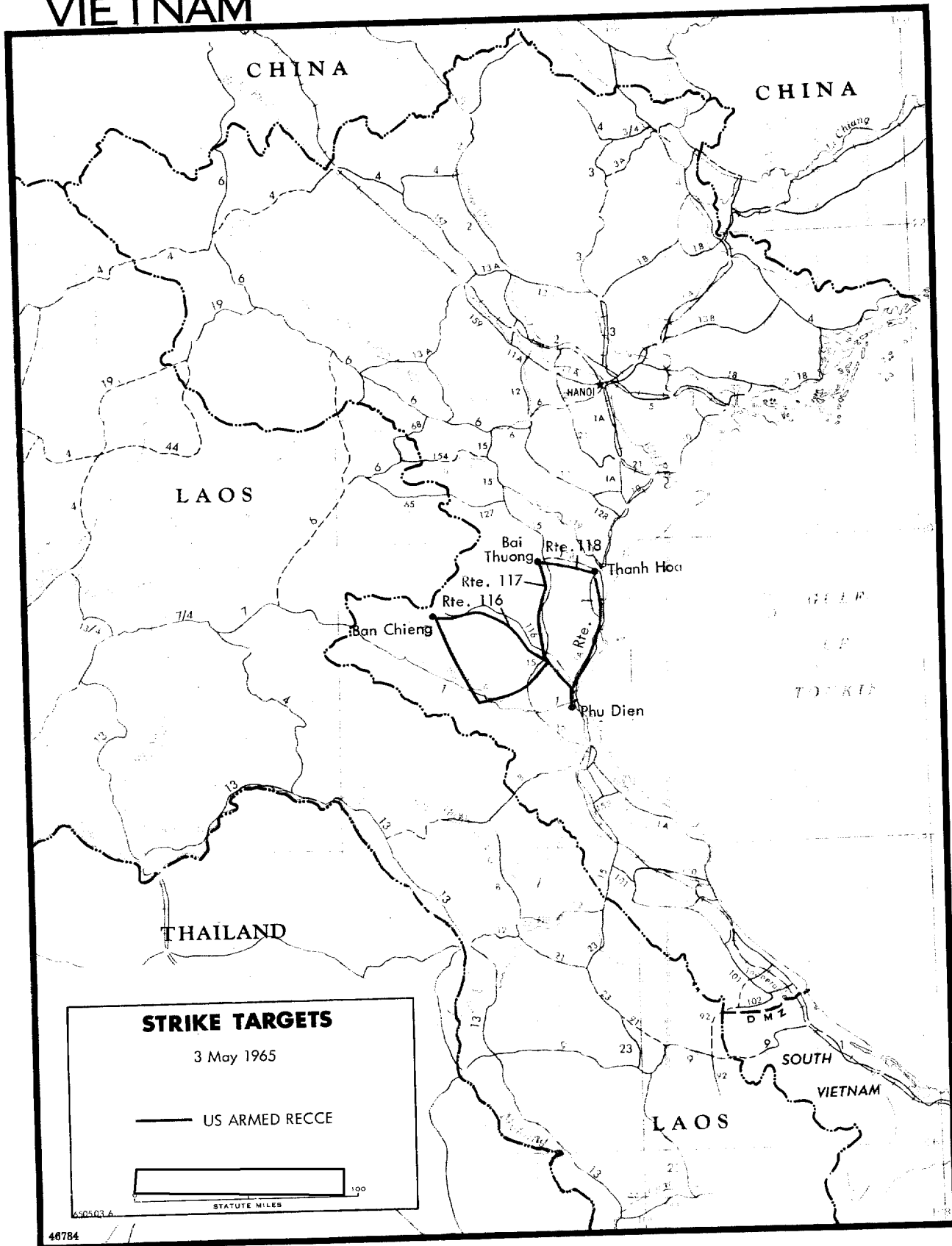
So far, neither Hanoi nor the Liberation Front has commented directly on the question of Front representation at the proposed Cambodian conference.

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NORTH VIETNAM



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Cambodia has given official notice that it is breaking diplomatic relations with the US. In delivering a note to the US chargé in Phnom Penh, the Cambodian foreign minister said that Cambodia wants to maintain consular relations. He warned, however, that "even consular relations" could not be continued if additional border incursions occur.

In a speech preceding the official break, Prince Sihanouk indicated that full diplomatic relations could be resumed when the US agreed to recognize Cambodia's neutrality and territorial integrity, and ceased border "aggressions."

A DRV delegation headed by politburo member Hoang Van Hoan stopped off in Peiping from 30 April to 3 May while en route to Berlin. The length of the delegation's stay and the VIP treatment it was accorded suggest that the Chinese used the opportunity to press their hard-line views on Vietnam with the delegation. Hoang is considered to be pro-Chinese in his political alignment.

The War in South Vietnam: There has been no significant change in the pattern of Viet Cong activity in South Vietnam. The only major military action noted during the past 24 hours was a large search and destroy operation mounted against the Viet Cong by airlifted US Marines from the Da Nang air base. No contact with the enemy has so far been reported in this action.

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India - Pakistan: Diplomatic efforts aimed at easing the Kutch dispute and heading off possible retaliatory Indian action against Pakistan are continuing.

In the Rann of Kutch the de facto cease-fire has not prevented occasional artillery exchanges, but other military actions appear in abeyance.

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Both navies have major combatant units at sea, but their movements appear to be aimed at dispersal rather than hostile action. The Indian aircraft carrier Vikrant, which put out from Bombay on 2 May, was observed yesterday conducting exercises in company with four destroyer-type units off Cochin, south India. Major units of Pakistan's small navy have been at sea since 30 April conducting under-way drills and gunnery practice in the Karachi area.

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*Bolivia: Peasant followers of junta President Barrientos are threatening to set up road blocks outside Cochabamba today in protest against Barrientos' withdrawal of his presidential candidacy on 30 April. The peasants are undoubtedly acting on orders of Barrientos whose plan is to create a "spontaneous" public demand for his election. Agitation of this kind can be expected to continue and to increase political tension.

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